

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Medicinal Plants

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch any scheme to protect ancient and traditional medicinal plants and birds in consultation with the State Governments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard including the quantum of funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (c) The National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants under which it is providing project based financial assistance to State Governments (State Forest Departments & Other agencies etc.) for protection of medicinal plant resources throughout the country, including the State of Maharashtra. Under the scheme, the in-situ conservation of medicinal plants in their natural habitats is being carried out through development of Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs). During the last three years and current year, a total of Rs. 769.81 Lakh has been released to different states for establishment of MPCDAs under above scheme (Annexure I).

Further, for the protection of birds and their habitats, the Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to the State/UT Governments, including the State Government of Maharashtra, for Protected Areas and outside Protected Areas under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. The State-wise details of funds, released during the last three years, under this Scheme are given in Annexure - II.